

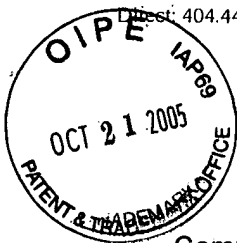
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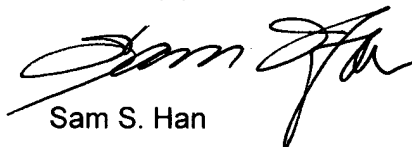
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Inventor: Lewis, et al.
Our Reference Number: 2041219-0005

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